

# City of Easthampton Situation Report

February 19, 2021

#### COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Update

Effective February 18th, those listed in Step 2 of Phase 2 are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. This includes those who are 65+, individuals with 2+ certain medical conditions, and residents/staff of low income and affordable senior housing.

Phase 2 eligible medical conditions are listed **HERE**.

To make an appointment:

- 1. Check <a href="https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/">https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/</a> and search by zip code or city/town
- 2. Schedule with our regional clinic in Northampton at <a href="https://www.northamptonma.gov/2219/COVID-19-Vaccination-Clinics">https://www.northamptonma.gov/2219/COVID-19-Vaccination-Clinics</a>
- 3. If you unable to book an appointment online, please call toll free 2-1-1 for assistance

If you are having trouble scheduling an appointment, please call the Easthampton Health Department at 413-529-1430 or the Easthampton Council on Aging at 413-527-6151.

Please be sure to leave a voicemail with your name and number as staff will be returning calls as soon as possible.

Please note: The website is back up and running since crashing on 2/18. If a clinic is full, please keep checking back regularly as more appointment spots will be added as they become available.

#### Additional COVID-19 Resources

Wondering where to get tested locally? Check out the state's testing site locator: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test

Looking for local statistics on positive cases, hospitalizations, transmission rates, etc? Please visit the city website for Easthampton and Hampshire County metrics:

https://www.easthamptonma.gov/community/news-updates/575-covid-19-metrics.html

Please note: These dashboards are updated on a weekly basis.

If you are an Easthampton renter having trouble making rent payments due to COVID-19, we may be able to help through the following program:

COVID-19 Emergency Rental Relief Program

#### Easthampton Census Forms

If you still have your 2021 Easthampton census form hanging around the house, please send it back soon! It can be mailed, or dropped off postage free at Big E's Supermarket or the Municipal Building at 50 Payson Ave.

The City Clerk's office will be sending out second notices soon to those who have not yet returned it.

Please contact the City Clerk with any questions regarding your 2021 Easthampton census at cityclerk@easthamptonma.gov or 413-529-1400 ext. 460.

#### 2021 Dog Licenses

GOT A DOG? It's time to get them licensed for 2021! The renewal form is on the bottom of your annual census form, or you can use the online form **HERE**.

If your dog is new to town, or has had a rabies shot since last year, please remember to send the vet paperwork in with your license paperwork.

If possible, sending a self-addressed, stamped letter size envelope really helps us get the license to you quickly.

Questions regarding dog licenses should be emailed to cityclerk@easthamptonma.gov.

Additional information can be found on the City Clerk's webpage on the city website **HERE**.

### Cherry Street Neighborhood Meeting

The City of Easthampton was recently awarded a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program Action Grant through Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. A key goal of the City's grant project is to promote long-term planning and resiliency measures that consider both existing and ongoing infrastructure needs and form the basis of a climate resiliency vision and implementation strategy for the City.

We are holding a neighborhood meeting on February 22nd at 6:30PM via zoom (link below) to discuss the green infrastructure and streetscape improvements proposed in your neighborhood. In your neighborhood, this grant is funding:

- Design engineering to repair a failing stormwater outfall at the end of Cherry Street.
- Design of green infrastructure practices to manage and infiltrate stormwater along Cherry St, Mount Tom Ave, and Lux Ave to lessen the burden on that stormwater outfall.

#### To join the meeting:

- Click on this **ZOOM LINK**
- Visit https://zoom.us/join and enter Meeting ID: 820 6058 7591 and Passcode: 319862
- Or dial in by phone: 301-715-8592

For more information on this project, please click **HERE**.

## City Meeting Calendar Week of February 22<sup>nd</sup> to February 26<sup>th</sup>

Monday, February 22, 2021	Tuesday, February 23, 2021	Wednesday, February 24, 2021	Thursday, February 25, 2021
Cultural Council – 4:30pm <u>Zoom Link</u>	Board of Health – 4:00pm <u>Zoom Link</u>	Zoning Board of Appeals - 6:00pm Zoom Link	City Council – Appointment Committee – 3:30pm Zoom Link
Licensing Board – 5:00pm <u>Zoom Link</u>	Board of Assessors – 5:30pm Zoom Link	Nash Pond Committee - 6:30pm Zoom Link	
Conservation Commission – 6:00pm Zoom Link	School Committee – 6:00pm <u>Zoom Link</u>		
Manhan Rail Trail Committee – 6:30pm Zoom Link	City Council – Ordinance Committee – 6:00pm <u>Zoom Link</u>		

Please note: All agendas and Zoom links are also uploaded to the city website at https://easthamptonma.gov/agendas-minutes.html.

If you are interested in serving on a board or committee, please check out the vacancies list **HERE**. The Application to Serve is available **HERE**.